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Amendments to the Drawings

Changes to sheet 12 (of 16) of the drawings are being made by the present amendment.

Specifically, Fig. 11A has been amended to add reference number "115." Similarly, Fig. 11B has been amended to add reference numbers "115" and "117."

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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

The amendments to the specification and drawings made above correspond to amendments made during prosecution of parent application serial no. 10/620,309.

Prior to the above amendment, claims 6-18 were presented for examination in the present application. By the above amendment, applicants have cancelled those claims and submit new claims 19-30 for the Examiner's consideration. Without acquiescing in the merits of the prior grounds of rejection, applicants believe they are mooted by the cancellation of the these claims.

New claims 19-30 correspond to claims 23-34 of the '309 parent application, further amended in a manner that is believed to more fully distinguish over U.S. Patent No. 6,238,005 to Sugayauchi. Applicant's undersigned representative and the examiner discussed these further amendments during the telephonic interview of June 29, 2005 in relation to the '309 application. These amendments were agreed to overcome the applied art, subject to further search and consideration by the Examiner.

Specifically, independent claim 19 is the same as claim 23 in the '309 application, further amended to specify that "an end of said attachment portion is located entirely within said mass portion." Similarly, claim 25 is equivalent to method claim 29 of the '309 application with the "inserting" step further amended to indicate that "an end of said attachment portion is located entirely within said mass portion."


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These claims and all claims dependent thereon are believed to fully distinguish over the Sugayauchi reference (and other art of record). Sugayauchi shows a vehicle wheel weight in which an end portion 31 of the engaging member 3 is fixed to the engaging portion 11 of the weight body 1 by caulking the pawl portions 12. As a result, the end portion is not located entirely within weight body 1 as independent claims 19 and 25 require.

Applicants are submitting an Information Disclosure Statement herewith for the purpose of citing in this application two new references recently cited by the Examiner during prosecution of the parent '309 application.

It is submitted that the present application, including claims 19-30, is in condition for allowance, and action to such effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to resolve any minor issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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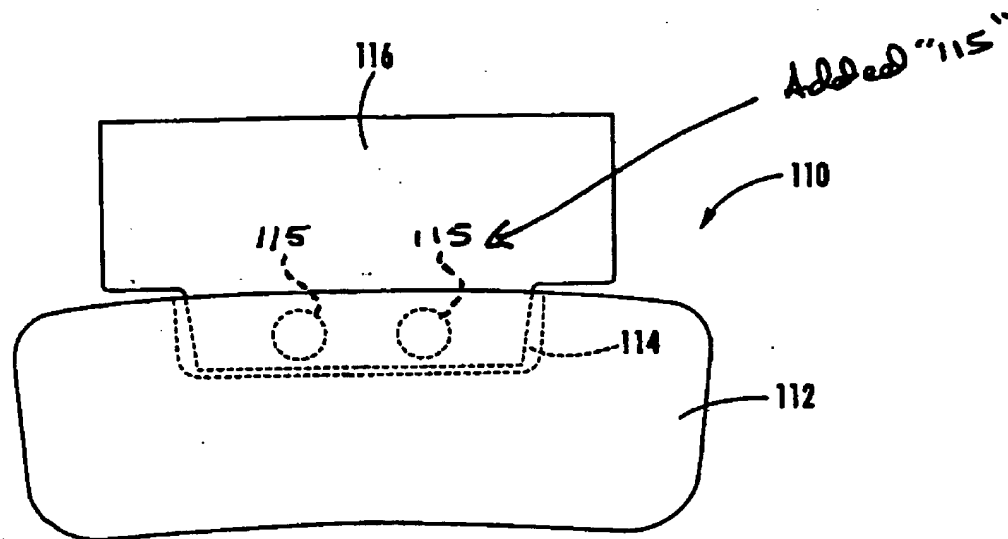


FIG. 11A

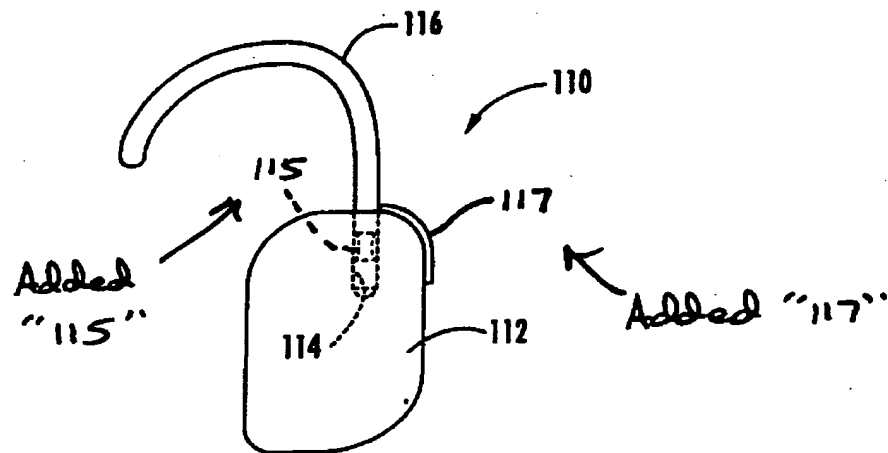


FIG. 11B